Assembly Bill No. 583

CHAPTER 108

An act to add Section 377.2 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 583, Leslie. Generation facilities: regulation.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to regulate facilities for the generation of electricity owned by any public utility prior to January 1, 1997, until the owner of those facilities has applied to the commission to dispose of those facilities and has been authorized by the commission to undertake that disposal. Existing law prohibits any facility for the generation of electricity owned by a public utility from being disposed of prior to January 1, 2006.

This bill would exempt from those provisions the disposition of a facility for the generation of electricity, or the disposition of an interest in a facility for the generation of electricity, that is located outside of this state, is owned by a public utility that serves 60,000 or fewer customer accounts in this state, and is not necessary to serve the public utility's customers in this state, upon the approval of the commission or upon an exemption by the commission pursuant to existing provisions of law.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 377.2 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

377.2. Notwithstanding Section 377, a facility for the generation of electricity, or an interest in a facility for the generation of electricity, that is located outside of this state, is owned by a public utility that serves 60,000 or fewer customer accounts in this state, and is not necessary to serve that public utility's customers in this state may be disposed of upon approval of the commission pursuant to Section 851 or upon exemption by the commission pursuant to Section 853.